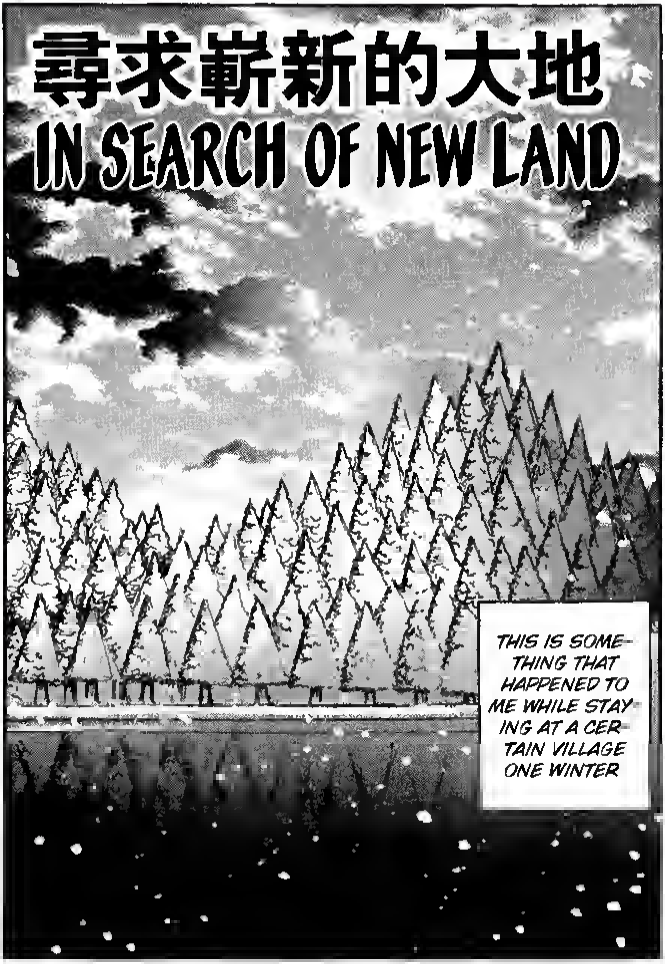
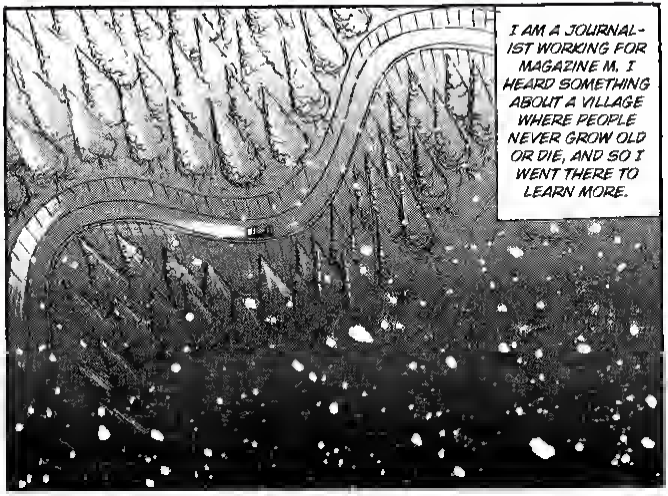

尋求嶄新的大地
IN SEARCH OF NEW LAND
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED TO ME WHILE STAYING AT A CERTAIN VILLAGE ONE WINTER


I AM A JOURNALIST WORKING FOR MAGAZINE M. I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT A VILLAGE WHERE PEOPLE NEVER GROW OLD OR DIE, AND SO I WENT THERE TO LEARN MORE.

I HAD BEEN HAVING A TOOTHACHE SINCE THE PREVIOUS WEEK, BUT DESPITE THAT, I CONTINUED WITH MY INVESTIGATION.
I WAS STILL A NEW GRADUATE, SO I WAS NERVOUS ON MY WAY THERE.

I WALKED TO THE VILLAGE TO GET NEWS MATERIAL.
HELLO, I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT...
HELLO, I AM FROM MAGAZINE M WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT THE BELIEF THAT MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HERE NEVER GROW OLD OR DIE?
SLAM

UH-UM, SORRY, THERE IS NO NEED TO BE AFRAID...
SLAM
SLAM
BUT...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF THEY WERE TRYING TO HIDE THE SECRET TO LONGEVITY
NO ONE WAS WILLING TO TALK TO ME.
THROB THROB THROB
OW
OUCH
AT THAT TIME, MY TOOTH STARTED HURTING FROM THE MORNING.
...AS WELL AS A STRONG REASON FOR HIDING IT
THERE MUST BE SOME SECRET BEING HIDDEN BY THIS VILLAGE...

AHH! OUCH! HOW CAN THIS BE?
THROB
THROB
THORB
AH! THIS TOOTH-ACHE IS REALLY... HURTING TOO MUCH!
THROB
THROB
THORB
DESPITE TAKING PAIN KILLERS, NOTHING HELPED EASE THE PAIN.
牙醫診所
OH, THERE IS A DENTIST IN THIS VILLAGE.
PLEASE, OPEN THE DOOR!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!
OPEN THE DOOR PLEASE!
THROB
THBOB
THORB
THINKING I WAS EXTREMELY LUCKY, I RUSHED TO THE DENTAL CLINIC.

Clatter
CLICK
AH A VERY OLD MAN.
HMPH- WHAT IS THE MATTER?
PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR! I BEG YOU!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!
A TOOTH-ACHE, EH? ALL RIGHT, I'LL TAKE A LOOK! COME IN!
I FELT UNEASY IN FRONT OF HIM. BUT THAT WAS NOT THE TIME TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
MY TOOTH IS ACHING SO MUCH. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT IT! I CAN'T STAND THIS PAIN!
O... OKAY.
TAKE A SEAT ON THAT CHAIR.
THE DENTAL CLINIC WAS DIRTY AND RAM-SHACKLED
T... THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I WAS EXTREMELY UNEASY, BUT MY TOOTH WAS HURT-ING TOO MUCH.
SCRUB
SCRUB

MISS, ARE YOU FROM TOKYO?
LET ME SEE... OPEN YOUR MOUTH.
WHY HAVE YOU COME TO THIS VILLAGE?
Y.. YES. IT'S THE TOOTH OVER HERE
SO YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WENT AROUND ASKING ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS, EH?
U... UH, I CAME TO DO INTERVIEWS... FOR A PROJECT ON THIS VILLAGE
!!
KONK! KONK!
THIS PROBLEM CAN REALLY DO SOME DAMAGE! IT MUST HURT LIKE HELL!

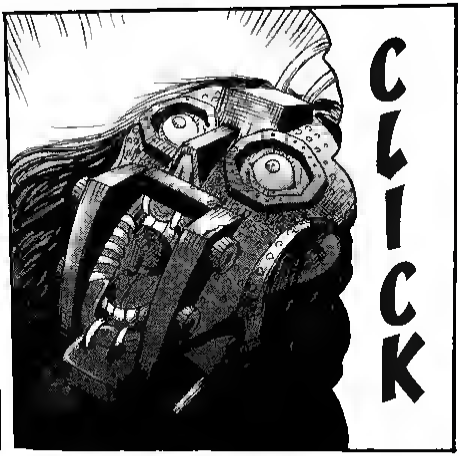
COUGH COUGH! HOW COULD YOU NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT FOR SO LONG?
ARGH! DOCTOR! IT HURTS!
STAB
REAL-LY?
COUGH COUGH! JUST RELAX, I'LL FIX IT.
IS IT THAT SERI-OUS?
DON'T WORRY COUGH COUGH COUGH!
IT WOULD BE DAN-GEROUS IF IT EVER GETS TOO PAINFUL FOR YOU. THIS IS JUST A PRECAU-TION.
Cli ck
I'LL PER-FORM A COMMON PROCEDURE THAT WE DO AROUND THESE PARTS.
Cli ck
THIS WILL ONLY HURT A LITTLE. PLEASE BE PATIENT! COUGH COUGH!
W... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! LET ME GO!
Cli ck

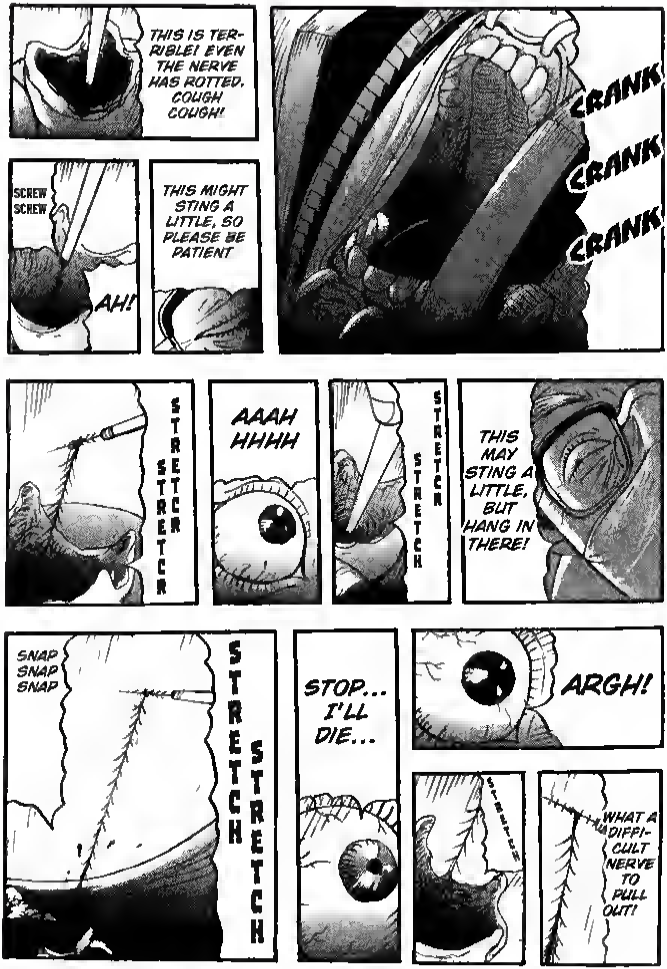
THIS IS A DENTAL MACHINE THAT HAS BEEN PASSED THROUGH GENERA-TIONS HERE. DON'T THEY USE IT IN TOKYO AS WELL?
AAAH! WHAT IS THAT?! PLEASE STOP!

P... PLEASE WAIT!

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!

Cli ck

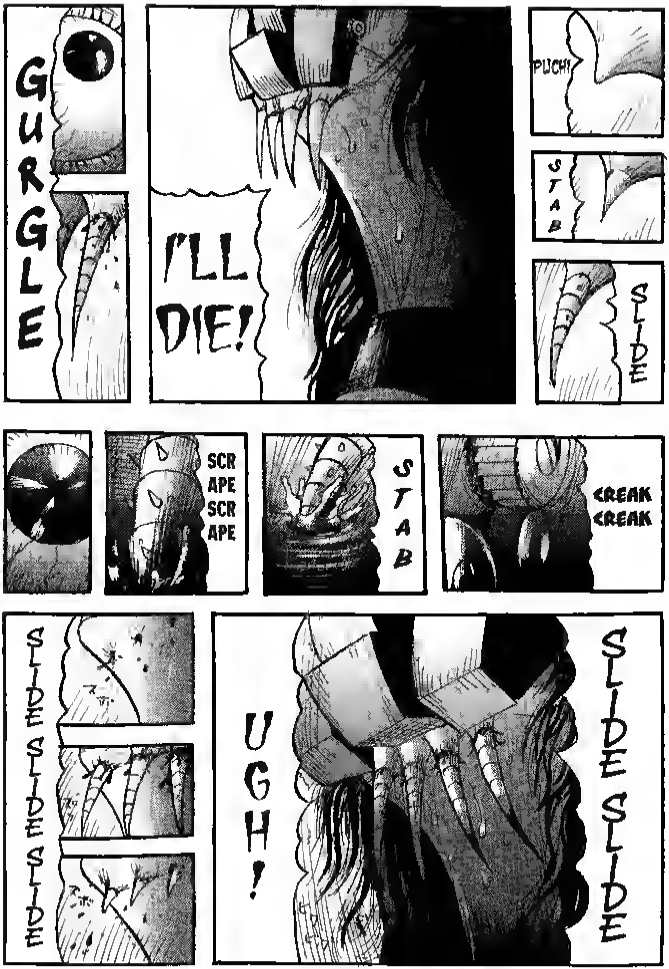

CLICK


THIS IS TERRIBLE! EVEN THE NERVE HAS ROTTED. COUGH COUGH!
CRANK
CRANK
CRANK
SCREW SCREW
AH!
THIS MIGHT STING A LITTLE, SO PLEASE BE PATIENT
STRETCH STRETCH
AAAH HHHH
STRETCH
THIS MAY STING A LITTLE, BUT HANG IN THERE!
SNAP SNAP SNAP
STRETCH STRETCH
STOP... I'LL DIE...
ARGH!
WHAT A DIFFICULT NERVE TO PULL OUT!

EE
EO
OW
CH
!!!
NOW WHAT I NEED TO DO IS INJECT THIS MEDICINE THAT HAS BEEN PASSED THROUGH GENERATIONS
SQUEEZE
EEP
SOB ...
SNIF-FLE ...
SOB ...
HMPH, THE NERVE HAS ROTTED ALRIGHT

AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!
ARRGH!
OOZE OOZE OOZE
HO HO. THIS MEDICINE IS TRULY EFFECTIVE!
SIZZLE
THE ROTTEN TOOTH HAS ALREADY STARTED TO MELT
OH NO! THE OTHER TEETH HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO MELT!
AAAH!
H... HELP! THIS IS KILLING ME!
UWAAA!

CREAK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
THE TEETH ARE ALL GONE!
THIS IS BAD. IT CANNOT FLOW TO THE METAL AROUND THE TEETH.
SHUCK
STAB
STAB
KATCHA
IT STINGS, DOESN'T IT? JUST BE PATIENT WITH THIS, HO HO HO
AAAH!

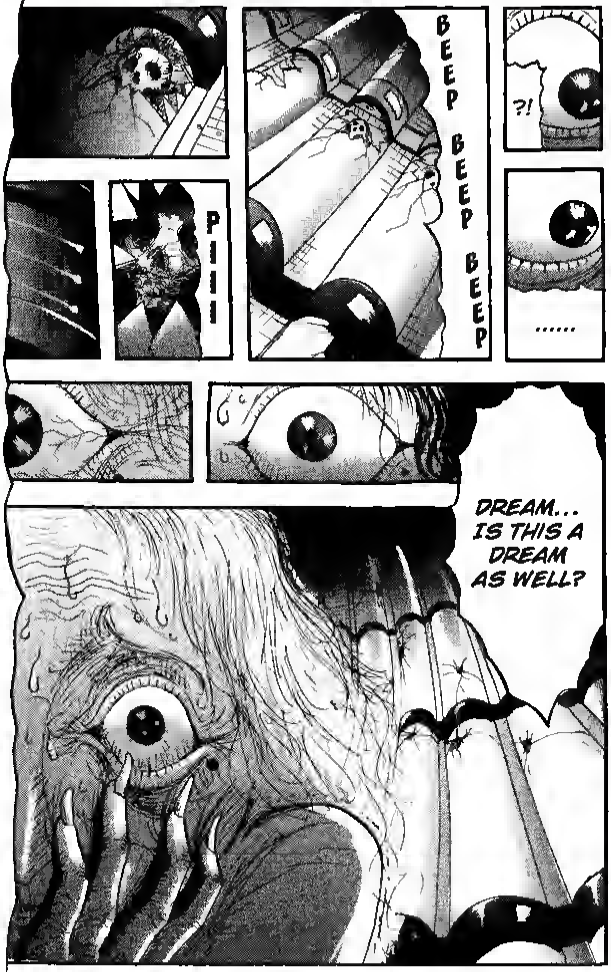

PUCH!
STAB
SLIDE
I'LL DIE!
GURGLE
CREAK CREAK
STAB
SCR APE SCR APE
SLIDE SLIDE SLIDE
UGH!
SLIDE SLIDE

KAT
CHA
AHHHH!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
STEP
FU
FU
FU
...

I WILL LET YOU SUFFER FROM THE MOST HELLISH PAIN POSSIBLE.
I CAN'T HELP IT I'M JUST PROTECTING THE VILLAGE
I'M JUST PROTECTING OUR SECRET!
KLACK
CAN'T BELIEVE THIS WOMAN WOULD POKE HER NOSE INTO THE VILLAGE'S AFFAIRS.
HAS SHE PASSED OUT FROM THE PAIN ALREADY?
THIS DRUG WOULD DEFINITELY HURT,
COUGH COUGH COUGH!
EVERYONE IN THIS VILLAGE MAY NEVER DIE, EVEN IF THEY WISHED FOR IT TO STOP YOU FROM RETURNING, I SHALL JUST TORTURE YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR DAYS.
EEK
PUCHI
insert

EEK!
AH!
PIII
W...! WHAT ...?
BEEP BEEP BEEP
FWOOSH

WAS... THAT A DREAM? TH... THANK GOODNESS. THANK GOOD-NESS...
BEEP BEEP BEEP
FWOOSH
MY TOOTH ... HURTS ...
THROB THROB
MY TOOTH MUST HAVE STARTED HURTING WHEN THAT DREAM START-ED.
SHUDDER
SHUDDER


PIIII PIIII PIIII PIIII PIIII
BEEP BEEP BEEP
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PIIII
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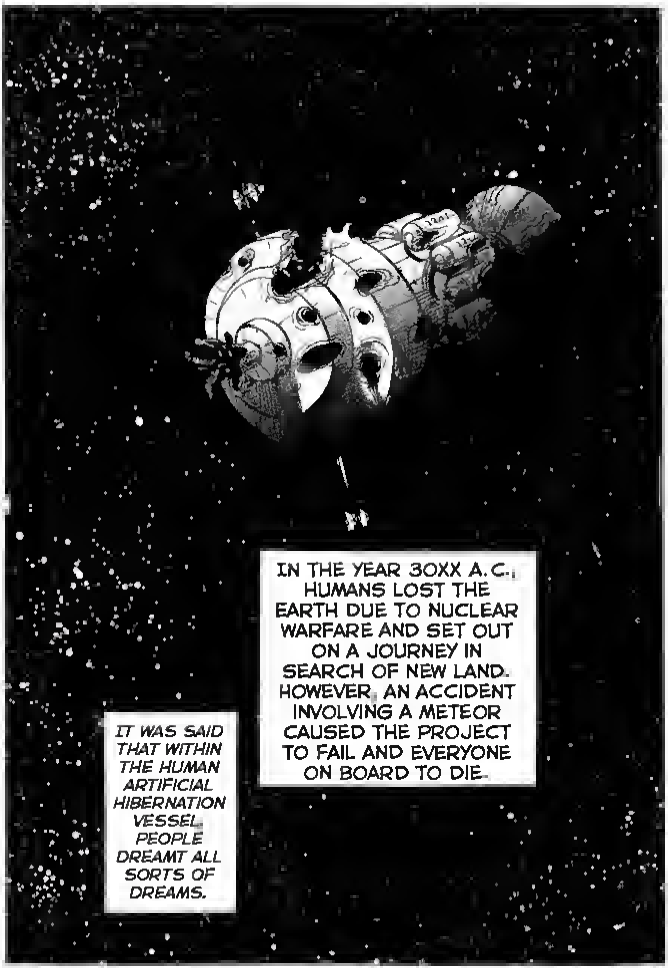
DREAM... IS THIS A DREAM AS WELL?


IN THE YEAR 30XX A.C., HUMANS LOST THE EARTH DUE TO NUCLEAR WARFARE AND SET OUT ON A JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF NEW LAND. HOWEVER, AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A METEOR CAUSED THE PROJECT TO FAIL AND EVERYONE ON BOARD TO DIE.
IT WAS SAID THAT WITHIN THE HUMAN ARTIFICIAL HIBERNATION VESSEL, PEOPLE DREAMT ALL SORTS OF DREAMS.

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